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## **Dr. John Bowers Is Now Director of CSR's Division of Translational and Clinical Sciences**

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) named Dr. John Bowers Director of its [Division of Translational and Clinical Sciences](#). He has been acting Director of DTCS and Chief of CSR's Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group.



"Dr. Bowers brings a dynamic combination of leadership skills and scientific expertise to this job," said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. "His experience applying emerging bio-imaging understandings in research to improve clinical care gives him a strong scientific base for leading this important division."

The Division of Translational and Clinical Sciences coordinates the reviews of NIH grant applications in an array of clinical and basic research areas, with the common goal of applying scientific discoveries to the treatment of clinical disorders. The specific areas covered include cardiovascular and respiratory science, blood disorders, oncology and surgery and bioengineering. This division has five integrated review groups with 34 study sections.

Dr. Bowers earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Illinois, where he did NMR studies of membrane proteins. He then went to the Department of Radiological Services at the Deaconess Hospital in Boston and worked on the development of fast chemical-shift imaging techniques and non-invasive magnetic resonance-based assays for liver graft viability. He came to direct the department's Division of Hepatology Research and then its Division of Basic Research. He also was an assistant professor of radiology at the Harvard Medical School before joining CSR in 1997 to be the Scientific Review Officer of its Metallobiochemistry study section.

### **About CSR**

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

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